

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.T.E. 05-87

December 29, 2005

Rulemaking by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy, pursuant to 220 C.M.R. §§ 2.00 et seq., revising 220 C.M.R. §§ 11 et seq. and 14 et seq., in compliance with St. 2005, c. 140.

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On December 27, 2005, the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") issued an Order instituting a rulemaking proceeding and promulgating emergency regulations as 220 C.M.R. §§ 11.00 et seq. and 14 et seq. expanding eligibility for the low-income discount for electric and natural gas customers and requiring electric and natural gas companies to produce and disseminate written materials informing customers of available cost-saving mechanisms that assist customers in lowering monthly bills. The matter was docketed as D.T.E. 05-87. The emergency regulations became effective on December 27, 2005. A copy of the Department's Order and regulations may be obtained at the Department's offices at the South Station address listed below. In addition, the Department has posted a copy of the Order and regulations on its website, at <http://www.mass.gov/dte/>.

The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed regulations on **February 1, 2006, at 10:00 a.m.** at the Department's offices, One South Station - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. Any person who desires to comment may do so at the public hearing, or may submit an original and four (4) copies of written comments to Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy - One South Station - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110 not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on February 1, 2006. Comments may not exceed ten (10) one-sided, double-spaced, type-written pages.

All written comments also should be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to [dte.efiling@state.ma.us](mailto:dte.efiling@state.ma.us) and [elizabeth.cellucci@state.ma.us](mailto:elizabeth.cellucci@state.ma.us) or (2) on a 3.5" disk, IBM-compatible format. The text of the e-mail or the disk label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.T.E. 05-87), (2) name of the person or company submitting the filing, and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title and phone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be written in either Corel Word Perfect (naming the document with a ".wpd" suffix), in Microsoft Word (naming the document with a ".doc" suffix), or as an Adobe PDF file (naming the document with a ".pdf" suffix). Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft

Excel. All written pleadings or comments submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's Website, <http://www.mass.gov/dte>.

By Order of the Department,

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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary